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1. The command and staff headquarters of the 12 Polish Infantry Division (12-ta "Szczecińska" Dywizja Piechoty) are located at Zalewskiego Street No. 2, Szczecin (Stettin). The division is under the command of a Soviet officer, Colonel Jozel Sielecki, who formerly commanded the 1 Infantry Division. The deputy division commander and Politruk is Colonel Handt, nationality unknown. The chief of staff is a Soviet officer, Lt. Colonel Matulewicz, and heading services and supply is Major Jan Hackman.
2. The following units, with their present disposition, belong to the 12 Infantry Divisions:
  - a. 39 Infantry Regiment at Szczecin, under the command of Colonel Wyszanski.
  - b. 41 Infantry Regiment at Szczecin, commanded by a Soviet officer Major Onufrejewa
  - c. 43 Infantry Regiment at Starogard, commanded by a Lt. Colonel Kocki.
  - d. 34 Artillery Regiment at Szczecin
  - e. 17 Engineer Battalion at Szczecin
  - f. 19 Signal Battalion at Gryfice
  - g. 15 Anti-Tank Battalion at Starogard
  - h. 20 Transport Company at Szczecin
3. Miscellaneous information concerning the 12 Infantry Division:
  - a. The 12 Infantry Division contains neither a flame-thrower nor special assault battalion nor a chemical company.

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- b. Each regiment contains about 40 to 50 officers. Of this number 6 to 8 of the higher positions are held by Soviet officer; 3 to 6 by pre-war Polish officers, who hold only administrative positions; 8 to 12 by pre-war Polish NCO's who have been commissioned and 20 to 25 by Polish Communists\* who have also recently been commissioned.
- c. The strength of this division is very low around 4500 men; each infantry regiment contains about 900 men; an artillery regiment about 550 or less.
- d. Armament consists entirely of former Polish and German weapons. Caliber of all artillery pieces is 76mm.

\*   Comment. This latter group possess only a general education and are considered very low-caliber officer material. Only their political training has been thoroughly taught. 50X1-HUM

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